



<u>REMARKS</u>

By this amendment, the first paragraph of the specification has been amended to correct a typographical error in the serial number of the priority application entitled "MALDI Mass Spectrometer Having a Laser Steering Assembly and Method of Operating the Same" which was filed on March 17, 2003 by J. Reilly et al. A corrected Declaration is being filed concurrently herewith. It is respectfully requested that the Office issue a corrected filing receipt.

Please charge all fees due to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to file 32993-72727.

Respectfully submitted,

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